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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Minoru SUZUKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1774

Appl No : 09/840,044

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For : COLOR-IMAGE-FORMING MEDIUM

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**COPY**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of October 23, 2002, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended claims is submitted at the end of this amendment)

1. (Amended - Clean Copy) A color image-forming medium comprising:

a substrate; and

a color-developing layer coated on said substrate,

wherein said color-developing layer is composed of at least one kind of heat-sensitive color-developing component, and a plurality of pressure-sensitive microcapsules uniformly distributed therein;

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